

# Kaylee's Korner

## Weeklong Camp Adventure

This month we had the weeklong **Camp Adventure** for any high school or college students who were interested in coming to AIM and wanted a closer look. It was really fun, and we all had a great time.

Throughout the week we heard lessons by **Slate Moore** on the different "I am" statements that Jesus made in the book of John (bread of life, good shepherd, etc.).

We hosted our campers in our apartments, so we had a lot of time over the week to bond and get to know each other. Olivia and I prepared devotionals to end each night together on a spiritual note to help process the day's events.

For two days during the camp all of the campers and AIMers divided into groups and did various **service projects** around Lubbock. Some raked leaves and fixed fences, others went to the children's home and helped clean and played with the kids, and other activities like that. My group helped put together the Sunset Church of Christ's invitations to a special event they were organizing, and we remade their packets for children in the auditorium.



## Looking Forward

For the week remaining in Lubbock, we will be working with the homeless ministry here in Lubbock called Open Door. This ministry is a massive program that focuses on helping homeless people get a new start at life.

April 16 is officially my last day in Lubbock! We will be saying goodbye, packing up, and preparing to go to our different mission fields. But before that, we will be spending the rest of the month of April at home, visiting family, and raising any last bit of missing support we might have.

## Verse of the Month

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

Galatians 4:4-6

## Blessings from God

I am so grateful for SIBI and therefore AIM having a chapel to start every morning. I love hearing God's word told from experienced teachers every school day. What I really love about it is how often what is discussed in chapel will apply to something that is happening in my life that God needs to speak into.

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## "March Madness" Trip

For two weeks this past month our class went on a long four-destination trip we called "March Madness." On this trip we visited and worked with churches in Yukon and Tulsa, OK, and in Arlington and Childress, TX.

In **Yukon** we spent a lot of time interacting with the youth group. We also worked with the church to help them reorganize their ministries within the building. The church in Yukon hosts a school within it and we moved and organized the teacher's materials in preparation for the new school year to begin. We also worked to streamline and condense their food pantry to be more intuitive and helpful. My personal favorite part in Yukon was when I got the opportunity to use the **sign language** that I have been learning for the past eight months. One of the members learned that I knew sign language and invited one of her deaf relatives to the Wednesday night service, and I did my best to interpret for him! I was so nervous, but I am so glad I did it. Hopefully those at the church who saw were exposed to the great need there is in the world for deaf ministries.

In **Tulsa** at Memorial Drive Church of Christ, we spent a lot of time studying and learning from the leaders in the church there. Many of them were familiar with AIM and had a lot of wise words to help us become better ambassadors of Christ. We also got to join and participate with the various small groups that met on Thursday nights and share with them a little bit of our own stories. It was a fun time of bonding and rest, but it wasn't only classes. The last night we were in Tulsa we got to volunteer with one of their large and active homeless ministries called **Nightlight**. Under a large bridge, we got to help give the homeless population dignity and love with a good meal, new clothes, washing their feet, and talking with them about their lives and experiences. It was a night I won't soon forget.

## "March Madness" Trip Continued

In **Arlington**, our main focus was building relationships with the **youth group** kids. We spent a lot of time with them playing games, eating meals, and just talking. We also helped the youth minister prepare and set up for a service project that the youth group would be a part of next month. We worshiped with them on Sunday morning and the whole church got into groups and prayed for each of us individually. It was a very impactful time, and I felt very loved by that church.

That Sunday evening, we arrived in **Childress** in time for some of our guys to lead the devotional and songs with the church there. One of the most amazing things to me about Childress and the church that is there is how disproportionately sized they are. Childress is a small town, but the church is **large, active, and growing!** It is so excited to see members of the church on fire for Christ and serving and expanding His kingdom. We got to be a part of a couple of their ministries while we visited. This church actively works to improve the living conditions of the poor in the town by renovating old dilapidated houses and giving them to those in need. I also got to help work planting onions in their charity garden.

It was awesome to see how God is at work in the lives of so many different people all over the country.



## Thank you!

I feel so blessed to have this opportunity to share with you everything that God has been teaching me and that I have been experiencing in the Adventures in Missions program. Thank you for your continued support and your prayers that are very precious to me. Y'all are awesome and I couldn't do anything I am without you!